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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME and TRANSMITTAL OF ORIGINAL DECLARATION and ASSIGNMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully requests a ONE Month Extension of Time in this application to respond to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed September 26, 2001 (copy enclosed), and petitions that this extension be granted.

Enclosed is the signed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above identified application.

Also enclosed for recordal is an Assignment of this application with attached cover sheet. Please record this Assignment and return same to us at your convenience.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$280.00, which covers the fees associated with the ONE month extension of time (\$110.00), the late filing of the Declaration (\$130.00), and the Assignment recordal fee (\$40.00).

If, for some reason, Applicants have not paid a sufficient fee to prevent the abandonment of this application, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any further fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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